of books, typing and binding of thesis, study tour, essential apparatus.

(c) Tution, examination fees and medical/health insurance charges.

(d) Equipment allowance of Rs. 1,000/- and incidental journey expense equivalent upto £ 12.

(e) To and fro passage.

Steps to improve socio-economic conditions of tribals

1358. SHRI JAGADISH JANI · Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of tribals in different States and how many of them are living below poverty line ; and

(b) what steps have been taken to improve their socio-economic conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN) · (a) Percentages of Scheduled Tribe population to total population in different States/Union territories at 1981 Census are given in the annexed statement. (*See below*) Precise data regarding Scheduled Tribe population below the poverty line are not available

(b) Family beneficiary oriented Programmes have been undertaken in various sectors of development, such as, Agriculture, Rural Development, Horticulture, Minor Irrigation, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Forestry, Seri-culture, Village and Cottage Industries, etc., to provide economic assistance to the Scheduled Tribe families below the poverty line.

Statement

State/U.T-wise percentage of Scheduled Tribes population to total population at 1981 Census

S No	Name of State/U T	Percentage of Scheduled Tribes population to total population at 1981 Census
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh .	5 93
2	Arunachal Pradesh	69 82
3	Assam*	11 00
4	Bihar	8 31
5	Goa, Daman & Diu	0 99
6	Gujarat	14 22
7	Haryana	Nil
8	Himachal Pradesh	4 61
9.	Jammu & Kashmir** .	3 07
10	Karnataka	4 91
11	Kerala	1 03
12	Madhya Pradesh	22 97
13	Maharashtra .	9 19
14	Manipur .	27 30
15	Meghalaya	80·58
16	Mizoram .	93·55
17	Nagaland	84 00
18	Orissa	22 43
19	Punjab . . .	Nil
20	Rajasthan	12 21
21.	Sikkim	23 27
22.	Tamil Nadu	1 07
23.	Tripura	28 44
24.	Uttar Pradesh	0 21

1	2	3
25	West Bengal	5 63
26	A & N Islands	11 85
27.	Chandigarh . .	Nil
28.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	78 82
29.	Delhi . . .	Nil
30.	Lakshadweep . .	93 82
31	Pondicherry .	Nil
	TOTAL :	7·88

*Projected figures
**Estimated figures

Tribal Status to Sikkim

1359 SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state .

(a) whether Government have a proposal to grant tribal status to Sikkim ;

(b) the details of the proposal received in that regard from the State Government ;

(c) if so, when such proposal is expected to be implemented ; and

(d) what steps have been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN) : (a) to (d) The North District of Sikkim is fully covered under an Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) from 1980. The State Government's proposal for constitution of three new ITDPs covering thirty five identified Revenue Blocks in East, West and South Districts was agreed to in April, 1986. No proposals for extension of ITDPs have been received subsequently from the Government of Sikkim.

Memorandum from Ordnance Employees' Union, Ambarnath

1360. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Memorandum dated the 10th December, 1990 has been received by Government from Ordnance Employees' Union, Ambarnath about implementation of the Judgement of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Bombay in case No. 174/87, 175/87 and 502/87,

(b) if so, the details of the Memorandum ; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Memorandum dated 10-12-90, the Ordnance Employees Union, Ambarnath has demanded the extension of benefit of the CAT's judgement in TA No. 174/87 and 175/87 to other employees also who are similarly placed.

(c) The CAT judgement has already been implemented in respect of petitioners and Ordnance Factory Board has been directed to extend the benefit of the above judgement to similarly placed employees of the Ordnance Factories